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FISHERMEN pull in the net in Noveleta, Cavite, as they harvest the day's catch by the dawn's early light.

GMA: Stop air strikes

Burnham: Architect's tale of 2 cities

By Vincent Cabreza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—A TELEVISION CREW from Chicago is preparing to film a documentary on the life of American architect and urban planner Daniel Burnham, who built this mountain city and parts of Manila at the turn of the century.

The American film crew has already requested access to the records and relics of Burnham's plans and work during the American colonial period in the Philippines.

Burnham, born in New York City in 1846, also planned the remodeled Chicago in 1909. He is described in the architectural industry as one of the most influential urban designers of the century. When he died in 1912, his DH Burnham & Co. was recognized as one the biggest architectural firms in the world.

Burnham Park, now one of the top destinations in Baguio, was named after its designer.

There is also a Burnham Park in Chicago.

Baguio City is celebrating its centennial in September 2009, the same month Chicago is honoring the Burnham Plan Centennial, according to a series of letters from Chicago relayed to Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr. and the

BURNHAM A4



INNOCENT VICTIMS Mother and child are only two of about 512,000 persons affected and displaced and living in an evacuation center in Datu Piang, Maguindanao.

Peace advocates claim order was given to AFP

By TJ Burgonio, Alcuin Papa and Michael Lim Ubac

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO HAS ORDERED ARMED Forces chief Gen. Alexander Yano to stop "bombings and air strikes" in Mindanao where government troops are hunting down leaders of the secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front accused of pillaging a string of villages in Central Mindanao last month, peace advocates claimed yesterday.

The President issued the order to Yano at a meeting late Thursday with a group of 17 evacuees from Lanao del Norte, North Cotabato and Maguindanao, said Mary Ann Arnado, secretary general of the Mindanao Peoples Caucus, who accompanied the evacuees.

However, Arnado was adamant that the President gave the order to Yano at the Palace meeting.

"Before the meeting started, she called for General Yano and told him there should be no bombing and air strikes," she said.

Fr. Eduardo Vasquez, who was also at the meeting, quoted the President as saying that "the operations will continue, but there will be no air strikes and bombings."

"When we raised the issue of aerial bombings, she was very emphatic. There should be no bombing, no air strikes. When Yano came in, she reminded him about it," Arnado added.

This was categorically denied by the military which said it had received no such instructions from the President and that there was no change in the policy announced before the start of Ramadan on Sept. 1 that the use of air strikes and artillery would be minimized in deference to the Muslim fasting month.

"No such instructions from HEPGMA (Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo). No change to adjustments made at the start of Ramadan to minimize use of heavy firepower, including air strikes and artillery," said Armed Forces Spokesperson Lt. Col. Ernesto Torres Jr. in a text message to reporters.

Press Secretary Jesus Dureza disclaimed any knowledge of the President's supposed order, saying he was not privy to what was taken up at the meeting. But he similarly reiterated that the operational guidelines issued in deference to Ramadan remained the same.

The evacuees met with the President for two hours in Malacañang last Thurs-

GMA, STOP A6

Balik-scientist from Nasa gives something back to RP

By TJ Burgonio

WHEN UNITED STATES-BASED PHYSICIST Dr. Josefino Comiso arrived in Manila in 1981, the airport immigration officer who checked his passport said with undisguised awe: "5–1, Nasa is sending a scientist and a Filipino at that."

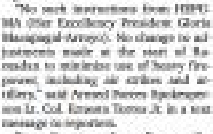
Comiso is a Filipino senior research scientist at the Cryospheric Sciences branch of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) at the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), a space research laboratory in Greenbelt, Maryland.

Cryosphere, simply put, refers to the frozen region of the earth.

A contributing author to the 2007 report on climate change of the Nobel Prize winner Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change, Comiso returned home this month to work with the academe upon the invitation of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

He is among a growing number of Filipino scientists who are taking time off from their jobs in the United States, Europe and other parts of Asia to share their expertise with public or private institutions under the DOST's Balik-

BALIK-SCIENTIST A8



Peace panel hailed as heroes, deal or no deal

By TJ Burgonio

DEAL OR NO DEAL—THE FIVE members of the government panel who negotiated with the secessionist rebels to expand the Bangsamoro territory have been honored and hailed as "heroes" by peace advocates.

A mix of Muslims, Christians and indigenous peoples advocating peace in Mindanao hosted a testimonial dinner for the "Magic

PEACE A6

Fil-Am mayor says work, not words, is what works for McCain

By Blancha Rivera
Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—WORK, NOT words, work for this Filipino-American mayor supporting the Republican John McCain.

Jose Esteves walks to the podium and starts to speak, barely audibly, but confident of his message. He does not want promises, he wants experience.

FIL-AM A10

Espie Fabon takes new role—as Judge Hitler



WHERE'S SHE NOW? Remember Esperanza Fabon? It's a long way from the glitz of show biz to the majesty of the law, but this former singing star is now a judge.

By Nancy C. Carvajal

JUDGE HITLER WAS ONCE A TEEN STAR of the '80s.

Esperanza "Espie" Fabon Victorino, who was the partner of singer Eddie Peregrina in that popular love team, was appointed judge of the Pasig City Regional Trial Court in 1997.

These days, Victorino is fondly referred to as "Hitler" because she's a stickler for punctuality and she values discipline.

"I impose a penalty on lawyers, litigants and witnesses who arrive late for court appointments. [I just want] to be fair to others who come on time," she says.

Victorino imposes a P500 fine on people who come late for their court appointments.

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Malaysian warns of more violence

Puno cites foreign minister, joins calls for peace in Mindanao

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—MALAYSIAN FOREIGN Minister Datuk Seri Utama Dr. Rais Yatim has warned that the violence in Mindanao could worsen unless the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front returned to the negotiating table.

Speaking to reporters in Davao City last week, Yatim said the only way for violence to subside was for the two sides to return to the negotiating table.

The MILF has said it is willing to resume the negotiations but that there should be no preconditions.

Malacañang has announced that it would like to see the MILF demobilized and disarmed before any talks.

Chief Justice Reynato Puno yesterday cited Yatim's warning and himself joined calls for an end to the fighting, leading a National Day of Prayer and Reconciliation here.

The government's position said the surrender of MILF commanders Umbra Kato and Bravo, who led the recent raids in central Mindanao, was a precondition for the resumption of the talks.

In his speech, Puno warned that there were no victors in a war.

He said many civilians had already been killed and battles have dislocated thousands of families in the troubled south.

"What should our answer be? [illegible] there will be no victors but only losers in this war and the losers are all of us," Puno said.

The violence erupted when the government backed out of a peace agreement that would have expanded a Bangsamoro homeland for the rebels.

"We saw rage erupting, too, we witnessed anger [illegible] of reason, we heard the call for violence and not a few readily [illegible] the sword of violence. The question is whether Christians should resort to violence," said Puno. The answer was an emphatic 'no,'" he said, quoting Prof. Martin Hengel, a popular Christian missionary.

In a press statement, the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) yesterday said Secretary Hermogenes Esperon Jr. flew to Kuala Lumpur on Thursday to hand a letter from President Macapagal-Arroyo to Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi explaining her decision to back out of the Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain.

Government representatives had already initialed the agreement in a meeting in Kuala Lumpur last month but the Supreme Court, acting on a complaint of non-Muslim local leaders, issued a restraining order.

In the statement, Malacañang said Badawi told Esperon that Malaysia remained hopeful the Philippines would eventually find the key to peace in Mindanao.

Esperon also reportedly told Yatim in a separate meeting that the ongoing military operations were "target specific and time-delimited, and were extremely important for the security of the people and stability in the affected areas."

Esperon also met with Datu Othman Abdul Razak, Malaysia's facilitator for the government-MILF talks, and told him the government would like to see the peace process continue. *Ma. Cecilia Rodriguez, Jeff Jay Melson, Bhaban Ace, Judy Quiros and Aquiles Zonio, Inquirer Mindanao*

No way GMA will impose emergency rule, say Palace execs

By Michael Lim Ubac and Norman Bordadora

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO will not impose emergency rule even if the situation in Mindanao were to worsen, Malacañang officials said yesterday.

"There is no basis for such fears. The President is committed to democratic processes," Secretary Cerge Remonde, chief of the Presidential Management Staff, told state-run Radyo ng Bayan.

Remonde said that while the administration has been rocked several times by crises, "the President had never resorted to such [a] policy in dealing with these problems."

Remonde called on former administration officials who are now allied with the opposition to help the government achieve "stability for our country."

Remonde was reacting to the warning aired by former Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr. that the President might be tempted to impose emergency rule if hostilities with the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front escalated and ignited terrorist attacks in other parts of the country.

Press Secretary Jesus Dureza said Cruz's warnings were unrealistic.

"Siguro Cruz had his own issue. His fears are his alone and have no resonance in present-day realities. The Mindanao situation is well within control and the normal mechanism of law enforcement are adequately addressing the challenges," he said.

Dureza noted that Cruz's "acrimonious departure from President Arroyo's Cabinet more than two years ago and in failing in his cabal's expectation that the government would fall upon their resignation were indicative factors to understand his negative take of the situation."

He said Cruz's warnings had political undertones.

"Now that he is in the sidelines of a presidential aspirant all the more puts to question his credibility," he said.

Mindanao legislators also said they found it improbable, even unnecessary, for the President to impose emergency rule on account of the violence in central Mindanao.

"The situation in Mindanao does not need emergency rule as it's not so widespread and it's being contained by the Armed Forces and the (Philippine National Police)," said Deputy Speaker Simeon Datumanong.

The congressman from Maguindanao is the highest ranking Muslim leader in Congress and is a former justice secretary.



NO WAY TO LIVE
A mother and her child slog through neck-deep garbage on Manila Bay looking for anything recyclable they can sell. Between the flooding and the trash, life is certainly not a "beach" for many poor residents of the metropolis.

Palace: Weak peso good for exports, OFWs

By Michael Lim Ubac

REJECTING CALLS TO INTERVENE AND prop up the peso, Malacañang yesterday said it would leave the currency to "seek its own level," adding that a weakened peso was favorable to exporters and overseas Filipino workers.

"Our policy is for the value of the peso to seek its own level. We don't want to interfere with it," said Presidential Management Staff Director General Cerge Remonde in an interview over government-run Radyo ng Bayan.

Since the start of the year, the peso has depreciated by about 11.9 percent against the US dollar.

On Friday, however, the local peso climbed back to P46.86 after breaching P47 against the greenback on Thursday.

Remonde stressed the value of the peso was going down because the dollar was gaining strength and not because the fundamentals of the Philippine economy were wavering.

"The currencies of other countries are also being affected by the dollar's strengthening," he said.

Foreign exchange markets across Asia resumed caution but the peso rebounded Friday on profit-taking against the greenback, closing near the day's high of 46.84 after hitting a low of 47.08 to the dollar.

The local currency gained P0.235 from the previous day's closing of 47.095 against the greenback.

Sabio leave sign of exit—Gordon

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

IT COULD BE THE SIGNAL FOR THE graceful exit of Presidential Commission on Good Government Chair Camilo Sabio.

Sen. Richard Gordon yesterday said Sabio's sudden turnaround and voluntarily taking a leave of absence after he had steadfastly declared he would cling to his post might have been orchestrated by Malacañang in preparation to permanently removing him from the PCGG.

"It seems like he was already asked to step down," said Gordon in an interview over radio station dzBB.

"I think he was told by his friends and superiors that he should take a leave of absence and then he will be replaced," Gordon said.

Sen. Francis Pangilinan said Sabio should contemplate resigning.

"I think the leave of absence should be the prelude to his graceful exit," said Pangilinan in a text message when asked for comment.

"As chairman of the good government commission, he has sullied his usefulness with his involvement in a government scandal," Pangilinan said.

Sabio had said he would not step down despite possible disbarment proceedings against him in connection with his role in the bribery scandal that rocked the Court of Appeals over a case involving the Government Service Insurance System and Manila Electric Co. (Meralco).

Sabio had reportedly tried to influence his younger brother, Court of Appeals Justice Jose Sabio Jr., in the case on the instigation of GSIS trustee, lawyer Jesus Santos.

Malacañang announced the other day Sabio would be taking an indefinite leave of absence effective Sept. 29.

"If he has delicadeza (propriety), he should have stepped down right away when we had him arrested before," Gordon said.

The Senate committee on government corporations and public enterprises, which Gordon heads, had Sabio arrested in September 2006 after he refused to attend hearings, despite a subpoena, on a Senate investigation of alleged corruption in the PCGG.

'More money won't bring AFP up to par with neighbors'









In Geneva, RP backs 'vision of world peace'

THE PHILIPPINES HAS AFFIRMED ITS support for the Geneva Declaration's "vision of a world in peace and prosperity."

The country, represented by Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, was among the 75 countries and nongovernment organizations that participated in the review of the Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence and Development.

Participants gathered at the World Meteorological Organization complex in Geneva Friday for the ministerial review summit held under the auspices of the Foreign Ministry of Switzerland with support from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

Ermita joined a panel of seven ministers representatives from Brazil, Qatar, Ghana, South Africa, Morocco and Norway specially chosen to issue statements affirming their respective country's efforts in promoting development, most especially through the 15-year Millennium Development Goals, in the context of armed violence prevention and reduction with the Geneva Declaration as the framework for action.

The review is aimed at lessening armed conflicts around the world estimated to cost as much as $163 billion every year.

The Philippines adheres to target of achieving a measurable reduction of armed violence in the world by year 2015 by forging peace accords with armed groups, said a statement sent by Ermita from Geneva.

"The Philippine Statement stressed President Macapagal-Arroyo's commitment to universally join in the peace process on or before 2015 as the Philippine's major contribution to the Geneva Declaration's vision of a world in peace and prosperity," said Ermita, who spoke on behalf of the President.

The Geneva Declaration also pushed for efforts to help curb the proliferation of small arms and light ammunition which the country supported, Ermita said.

About 740,000 deaths occur each year around the world due to the proliferation of more than 870 million firearms at any given time, based on a study of the Small Arms Survey and Ermita.

Ms Arroyo was invited by the Swiss government to speak at the summit, but she sent Ermita instead following the collapse of the peace talks with the secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

The declaration calls on countries to adhere to their parameters for peace: Armed conflict is anathema to human development; the imperative to address the root causes of insurgencies by way of a comprehensive peace process; and the adoption of an expansive mode of conflict prevention and reduction.

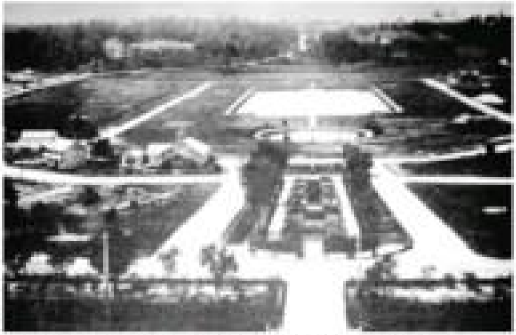
The Arroyo administration adopted the declaration in May this year. *—Michael Lim Ubac*



SPECIAL GUESTS

Honorary Consul of Latvia in the Philippines Robert Lim Joseph (left) and his wife, Ma. Paloma Joseph (right), were recent guests of Latvian President Valdis Zatlers (2nd from right) and Madam Lilita Zatlere at the Latvian Presidential Palace. The reception was attended by diplomats and top Latvian officials. Joseph has been Latvia's honorary consul in the Philippines since 1996.





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THE DAILY GOSPEL



Son of PSG convoy victim faces future out of school

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Poverty abound

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'Not my fault'

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I still enjoy senators' trust, says Villar

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BSP blocks sale of former Villar property



DIRECT FROM THE EARTH'S FROZEN REGION Scientist Dr. Jay Comiso makes a point during the DOST's "Balik-Scientist" press conference on Friday.

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Flour millers to cut prices by up to P13 a bag

By Abigail L. Ho

Boat sinks off Palawan; 5 missing

'Marce' leaves RP but winds remain

By TJ Burgonio



RP, Australia ink tsunami pact

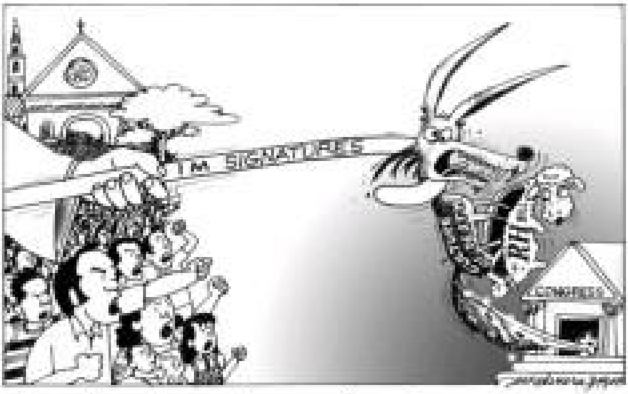
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THOSE ADVOCATING THE PARLIAMENTARY SYStem ought to consider Senate President Manuel Villar's handling of the plots against him.



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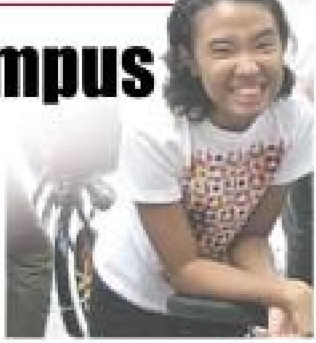
Like fiddling Nero

TALK of the TOWN

Editor: Juan V. Sarmiento Jr.



Biking on UP campus



FOR A FEE OF P500, A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City can use a Padyak bicycle for a semester. Some 60 Padyak bicycles are now in use on the sprawling campus, providing students an alternative to taking a public utility jeepney or using a car or motorcycle.

The benefits of using a Padyak are many, including helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enjoying the freedom to move quickly around the campus at one's convenience.

If the students on the waiting list are any indication, there's an unmet demand for an environment-friendly mode of transportation on the campus.

Compared with the student population of some 23,300, the number of Padyak bikes is small. Support from the alumni and groups for the UP Mountaineers-initiated program will certainly boost the number of Padyak bikes in the coming semesters.

'I help lessen smoke emission'

By Ina Ocampo
4th Education student
Major in Teaching Early Grades
Resident of Area 1

PADYAK IS A CONVENIENT means of transport for me to go around the campus. I was one of the first people to try out the Padyak bikes. I started using it in the 2nd semester of schoolyear 2007-2008.

I usually take the jeep or walk to get around the campus. With the bike, I can go around the university for my classes at the College of Education, but at times I use it to go to other buildings and landmarks.

My college is roughly a kilometer away from my residence.

There's a regulation that Padyak bikes be used just inside the UP campus. The distinctive design on the wheel helps the organization keep track of the bikes just in case the rider goes out of the campus.

Bicycle lane

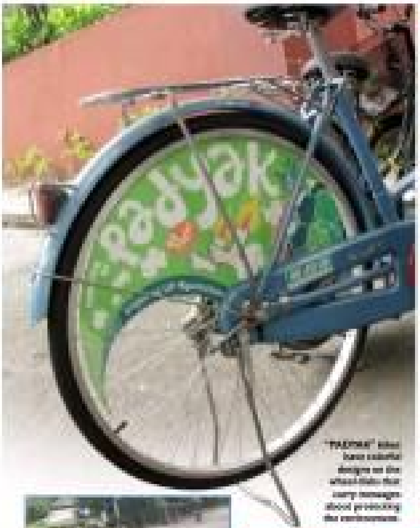
What are the advantages of using a bike? [illegible], I get to exercise. Another is, it's easier to go around the campus, especially now that there's a bike lane and one-way academic oval. (The bike lane was launched almost at the same time as Padyak.) I save money because I don't need to ride the jeep.

I also save time because I don't have to wait for the jeep. I don't use a car, so I help lessen smoke emission. I still look good riding a bike. My clothes are not limited to pants or shorts; I can wear a skirt. The bike has a basket in front and a rack at the back where I can put my things.

There are designated parking areas for the bike, but not all buildings have bike racks. When it's raining, I can't use the bike unless I use a poncho.

How has the bike changed my routine on campus? I'm not as stressed as before because I don't have to rush when I need to go to another place [illegible].

Before, I either walked fast which was really tiring or waited for the jeep. Now, I can relax because I know that I can easily get to where I'm going because of the bike.



"PADYAK" bikes have colorful designs on the wheel disks that carry messages about protecting the environment.



BICYCLE lane on the academic oval

Fast facts

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Sam got me to know every nook and cranny of university

By Isabela Maria S. Aguilar
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Bachelor in Secondary Education
Major in English
Resident of Kamia Dormitory

LAST SUMMER, I SAW MY FRIEND INA WEARING a green shirt with Padyak written on it. I didn't mind it at first until I saw the Padyak itself. It was a green bike with special green disks on the wheels.

She told me that it was a project of the UP Mountaineers. "Is this why a bike lane suddenly sprouted on the academic oval?" I asked myself.

A few weeks later, I went to Ina's house and saw Padyak. [illegible] I jokingly asked Ina to lend me Padyak. She said that she'd ask if I could, since she was not certified.

A few days later, I got a message saying that I could use the bike for the summer. I wasn't prepared; I couldn't even remember the last time I rode a bike. Fortunately, I didn't lose my skills. I got to my class on time. I only had one class, but it was at the other end of the campus.

Before I had the bike, I either walked and arrived in class sweating and tired, or waited forever for that Ikot jeepney to come.

On time and fresh

When I was on the bike and my backpack in the basket, I got to class on time and still fresh for the day's lesson.

A new schoolyear started, and I got to ride another Padyak. [illegible]

Having classes just a few steps away from the dormitory, like in Palma Hall and Benitez Hall (the College of Education building), didn't stop me from maximizing the use of the bike, which, by the way, I named Sam. I would bike my way to the Shopping Center, my friend's house in Area 1, the gym and even to the UP Coop store, [illegible].

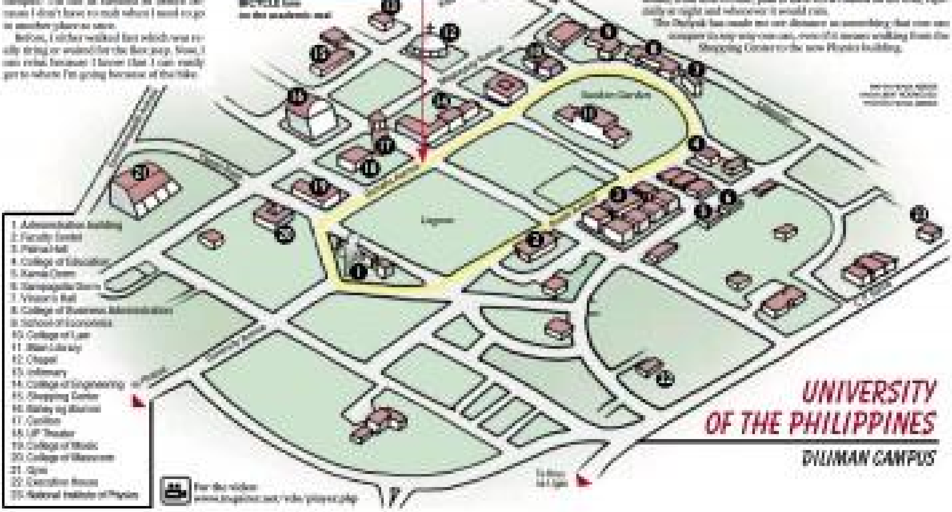
Academic oval at night

My friends and I even rode all the way to the Executive House, parked our bikes and walked a few meters to have lunch [illegible].

Padyak bikes are to be used only on the campus. [illegible] biking your way to almost everywhere helps you save a few pesos and helps lessen pollution. It is a good way to exercise, too.

Nevertheless, using the Padyak helped me get to where I need to go and know every nook and cranny of the university. My friends and I would, from time to time, plan to have a few rounds on the oval, especially at night [illegible].

The Padyak has made me see distance as something that you can conquer in any way you can, even if it means walking from the Shopping Center to the new Physics building.



For the video: www.inquirer.net/[illegible]

INQUIRER Mindanao

The perplexity of collateral damage

Why are they doing this?, ask civilians

IT WAS AS IF THEY were racing against each other, rowing their bancas, traversing the Bagok River, to get to the village of Butilen in Datu Piang, Maguindanao.

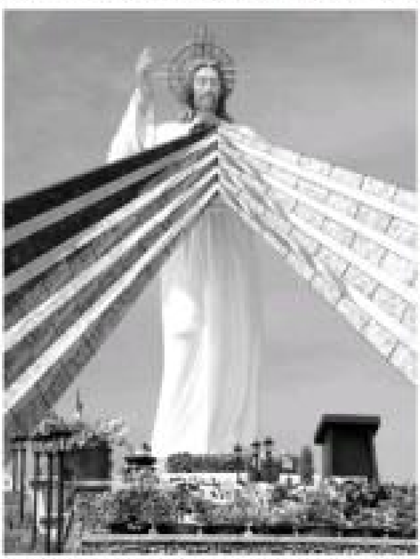


'The people are afraid. We're hoping one day all will be back to normal...'

Peace shrine as center for dialogue, healing in Mindanao

THE FAITHFUL COME BY THE thousands every day in this quiet city west of Cagayan de Oro to pray and marvel at the 75-foot Shrine of the Divine Mercy, said to be the tallest of its kind in the world.

Sitting on a hill 500 feet above sea level, the shrine looks out to Macalajar Bay and a view of the embattled villages of Lanao



GMA orders concrete road for village

ILOILO CITY—PRESIdent Macapagal-Arroyo has stepped in on the controversy between Pavia town Mayor Arcadio Gorriceta and Iloilo Rep. Judy Syjuco over a P20-million road repair project.



A GROUP of village officials in Pavia, Iloilo, [illegible] their gravel road that was destroyed by Typhoon "Frank."

Gravel and cement

Negotiated contract

Not town's business

HABITAT, FOREST DESTRUCTION

Studies say Palawan animals' extinction looms

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Scientists and leading conservation experts raised warnings Friday about the imminent extinction of some of the country's most important species, that are found only in Palawan, due mainly to the destruction of their habitats and the illegal wildlife trade.

"All threatened species in Palawan are endemic and they are facing total extinction because of our neglect in protecting their habitats which are the low elevation forests," Aldo Mallari, a foremost ornithologist [expert on birds], told the Inquirer.

Mallari presented a study at a three-day bird habitat organized here by a global network of bird watchers and conservation groups.

The study said all of Palawan's endangered animal species live in low elevation areas and forest fringes that are classified as "buffer" areas and open to human incursion.

Mismatch

Palawan is covered by a special law, Republic Act No. 7611, which categorizes old growth forests and areas above 1,000 meters in elevation as "core zones," or areas exempt from human development.

"There is a mismatch in the protected area systems and the requirements of important species. All threatened species in Palawan live in what had been designated as buffer areas and these are open to exploitation, primarily mining," Mallari said.

Mallari was alluding to dozens of mining applications all over Palawan, particularly in the nickel and chromite-rich southern Palawan, as he criticized government agencies issuing mining permits and endorsements for not taking into consideration Palawan's endangered species.

"It is easier to secure a mining permit than to request for a permit to conduct scientific expeditions," Mallari said.

Center of illegal trade

In a separate study, the Katala Foundation, a group that monitors the illegal trafficking of birds and wildlife, raised concerns over the increasing trade of the Palawan talking myna (sp. Gracula religiosa), the blue-naped parrot (Tanygnathus lucionensis) and the Philippine cockatoo, all of which are endangered species.

Samuel Cruz, a field officer of the Foundation, pointed out that southern Palawan is the hotbed of the illegal wildlife trade where birds are captured and sold to the black market in Manila.

"There are at least three wildlife trade groups operating in southern Palawan," Cruz said.

The Katala Foundation study showed that there are 15 species of mammals that are endemic to Palawan, and 11 bird species that are threatened by the illegal wildlife trade.

Cruz noted that the Philippine cockatoo, classified as critically endangered, is the most threatened by the illegal wildlife trade because of its dwindling population of only over 1,000 individuals. Its market value in Manila's black market, he said, ranges from P2,500 to P6,000 per individual.

He identified the municipalities of Rizal and Bataraza, both in southern Palawan, as the areas where most of the birds originate. *Redempto Anda, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

Baguio leaders set up trust fund to buy forested land

BAGUIO CITY—LOCAL CONSERVATIONISTS opened a trust fund on Sunday to save the city's remaining trees by buying up wooded properties from commercial developers or by contesting their investments during land auctions.

A P1,200 deposit was received by the local branch of Chinabank as seed fund for the trust.

The fund is administered by the Maryknoll Sisters, who supervise the Sanctuary Ecological Garden, retired government forester Rogelio Gozo, and educator Henry Tenedero.

They intend to use part of the trust to buy a one-hectare tree park, which the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) had offered to the SM Development Corp.'s proposed [illegible] condominium units.

SM officials said the firm would abide by the city council's decision regarding their bid to develop the tree park.

The seed fund came from Gozo's group, the Baguio Community of Volunteers Movement (BCVM), which had been lobbying for the preservation of green urban zones, including forests under the care of the Bases Conversion Development Authority and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority.

BCVM founders Benedicto Alamedus, the city tourism officer, artist Mario Flores of the [illegible] and performance artist Raffy Rapanan raised the initial capital.

Standoff

This forested lot was the subject of a standoff last week between the police and about 2,000 University of the Philippines Baguio students and teachers, led by UP Baguio Chancellor Priscilla Supnet-Macansantos and Baguio Bishop Carlito Cenzon, who set up a human barricade there.

The tree park sits near the Baguio Convention Center, and is surrounded by SM City Baguio, UP Baguio, and the summer compounds of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

GSIS said the convention center is the Baguio government, but the transaction did not include the park.

This has restricted the city government from protecting the tree park [illegible] to save the forest, Alamedus said.

[illegible]

"Wouldn't it be great if all the [illegible] pledge to help build the trust?" [illegible] Henry [illegible] could promise to add that park to [illegible] be saved properties," he said.

The trust would also be used to buy and rehabilitate other forest lots around the city, Alamedus said.

Gozo, former regional technical director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, said the city needs to manage its water resources because most of the remaining pine trees are located on private real estate and are vulnerable to exploitation. *Vincent Cabreza, Inquirer Northern Luzon*



CAREFREE
A man stops his pedal-powered tricycle in the middle of the road in Talisay City, Cebu, to try to fix a wheel after flipping over due to what witnesses said was his drunkenness. He doesn't seem to mind a van drawing closer to him and his vehicle.

3,000 seedlings are planted vs Panay River erosion

By Felipe V. Celino
Inquirer Visayas

ROXAS CITY—AT LEAST 3,000 mahogany tree seedlings were planted along the banks of Panay River in [illegible], Capiz, in a bid to boost future water supply of this city and its neighboring areas.

The tree planting activities started from the Water Treatment Plant of the Metro Roxas Water District (MRWD) in [illegible], Panitan, Capiz.

Led by the Capiz Provincial Task Force on Environmental Protection (CPTFEP), the activity aims to protect the Panay River from soil erosion. The river is the city's main source of water.

CPTFEP convenor Ruben Gonzales said that MRWD, local officials and residents would care for the newly planted seedlings.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources provided the group with seedlings.

Participating agencies included the Departments of Agrarian Reform, Department of Public Works and Highways, Bureau of Fire Protection, among others.

The 90-kilometer Panay River is MRWD's source of water. It is converted into potable water through the use of the water district's new water treatment plant.

The plant, built for P720 million and inaugurated in August last year by President Macapagal-Arroyo, is capable of producing 38,000 cubic meters of water per day.

The project was part of the Metro Roxas Water Supply Improvement and Expansion Project and was funded by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) through the Provincial Cities Water Supply Project V of the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA).

Group protests drowning of stray dogs in De Oro

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—THE Manila-based Animal Welfare Coalition (AWC) has assailed the City Pound Office (CPO) here for torturing impounded stray animals by drowning them in buckets of water.

Reacting to a story that came out of a local paper here, AWC said CPO officials had clearly committed a crime when they approved the drowning of the seized dogs.

The CPO is under the supervision of the City Veterinarian's Office.

Dr. Nelia Ang, city veterinarian, confirmed they experimented on various ways of killing unclaimed animals since 1996 but added they only used drowning once.

Joey Nacalaban, a photojournalist for a local newspaper, said he personally witnessed the drowning of at least 18 dogs at the city landfill in August.

Nacalaban said he took photos of the procedure.

"The dogs died in about five minutes (after immersion of their heads in water). The drowning was done in public," he said.

[illegible] Gonzadi, AWC external affairs officer, said the use of drowning is prohibited by the Animal Welfare Act (Republic Act No. 8485).

"The City Pound Officer has committed a crime. He should go to jail," Gonzadi said.

Ang said they only used the method once and employed other means to put to sleep animals seized by the CPO.

She said among the methods they used was intra-cranial injection, which proved to be risky for staffers.

"One of our staffer lost a finger after a dog bit him while he performed the intra-cranial injection," she said.

Ang said because of this, the CPO—in a bid to stem the spread of rabies—has opted to use gas poisoning instead to exterminate unclaimed animals.

She said unclaimed animals were put inside an improvised gas chamber.

An average of 20-25 dogs are being gassed on Thursdays using vehicle exhaust fumes, she said.

Asked how soon the dogs die, Ang said the process usually lasts for about 10 minutes.

Gonzadi said if the city government wants to reduce the number of stray dogs, it should instead conduct a massive campaign for responsible ownership. *[illegible] and [illegible], Inquirer Mindanao*

Baguio's mountain, Alaminos' sea in sisterhood ties

BAGUIO CITY—TOURISM and growth industries here and in Alaminos City are expected to get a boost with the forging of sisterhood ties between the two cities.

Alaminos City Mayor Hernani Braganza expressed this optimism and said they are considering putting up a ferry system that will link Baguio and Alaminos. The ferry will pass through the Lingayen Gulf.

Recently, Braganza and members of the Alaminos City council forged a sisterhood pact with Baguio City officials, led by Mayor Reinaldo Bautista.



BAGUIO recently commemorated the deadly July 16, 1990, earthquake with the theme "Moving On." It has since moved on and is entering into sisterhood ties with Alaminos City to promote tourism.

Sister benefits

"Baguio City is a model city to the whole of Northern Luzon. No city can match what Baguio has accomplished in 99 years as a chartered city. As a tourism capital, it is the most popular in the country. It has done a great promotion of festivals such as the Baguio Flower Festival," Braganza said.

He said they would name one of the Hundred Islands in Alaminos City after a Cordillera icon to honor the forging of the sisterhood ties.

Alaminos posted 300,000 tourist arrivals in 2007, the highest since 1990, he said.

Purificacion Molintas, Cordillera director of the Department of Tourism, said sister cities have proven to be economically beneficial.

HOMETOWN *Snapshots*

"When you have sister cities, there is diversification of products that we can always offer to tourists. Like Alaminos and Baguio, it's a combination of mountain and sea," she said in an interview.

She said sister cities encourage local governments to improve their facilities and services.

"The two cities will benefit in the development of trade and transportation. The tie-up becomes a reason to develop infrastructure such as highways," she said.

P9 billion from tourism

Molintas said Baguio City's tourism earned P9 billion in revenues last year. They are expecting to surpass the 1 million tourist arrivals at the end of the year, she said.

Bautista said the city government would focus on the improvement of Burnham Park, one of Baguio's main tourist destinations.

Like the Burnham Park, the Hundred Islands are the top tourist draws in Alaminos. *Desiree Caluza, Inquirer Northern Luzon*

Fil-Am mayor says work, not words, is what works …



To campaign for 50 days

More Filipino

Lucky in Silicon Valley

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Hundreds of friends

Not full-time job

Meeting McCain

McCain knows Fil-Ams

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It's a more relaxed way to travel, says a rider



Getting to the beat via a hassle-free boat ride



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"PEOPLE think their jobs are easy. What we don't realize is that OFWs don't tell their families just how hard it is to work abroad." [partly illegible]

GLOBAL Pinoy

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Bayanihan spirit saves 'House of Seniors,' but for how long?

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NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN: Marlea Robles, president of the Filipino American Council of San Francisco, takes on the challenge of rehabilitating the bankrupt group that used to make life enjoyable for underserved senior citizens in the Bay Area. [partly illegible]



VOLUNTEERISM: [illegible]

Sometimes regionalistic, even fractious, but when the occasion calls for it, Filipinos in San Francisco show they can be united for a common purpose

Momentum

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Why it almost takes eternity to get a US visa



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The WORLD

Editor: Lorenzo B. Quiros

13M people in path of Hurricane Ike

GALVESTON, TEXAS—Hurricane Ike bore down on the coast of Texas on Friday, driving a wall of water into seaside communities and threatening catastrophic damage all the way up to Houston.

In what may be the worst storm to hit Texas in nearly 50 years, Ike's center was within hours of overwhelming low-lying areas near Houston with a possible 20-foot storm surge.

High winds and rain lashed the coast, sending huge waves crashing against a 17-foot sea wall built to protect the port of Galveston after a hurricane in 1900 killed at least 6,000 people in the deadliest weather disaster in US history.

The National Weather Service warned that people in coastal areas could "face the possibility of death" and officials said the could flood as many as 100,000 homes and send a storm wave across 180 km of US coastline.



TOMMY Scarborough clings to a post as he is lifted off the ground by strong winds brought by Hurricane Ike in Bacliff, Texas. AP

Floating bed

"This nation is facing what is by any means a potentially catastrophic [hurricane]," said US Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, warning that the storm surge could present the gravest danger.

"This certainly falls in the category of pretty much a worst case scenario," he said.

Crude oil markets nervously watched to see if the would swamp low-lying coastal refineries in its path that collectively process 20 percent of US fuel supplies.

Ike's ferocity surprised many just 11 days after Hurricane Gustav forced two million people to flee the Louisiana coast, but largely spared New Orleans.

Some 600,000 people left low-lying Texas counties under mandatory evacuation orders, but some who thought they would stick it out made a last-minute exit from Galveston.

"When I woke up, my bed was floating in the house," said David Dudenhoeffer, a handyman who narrowly escaped from his home in Bayou Vista. "I just took what I could and got out."

Ike was a Category 2 storm with 175 kph winds as it moved on a course to pass directly over Houston—the fourth largest city in the United States.

The storm is expected to come ashore overnight, possibly as a dangerous Category 3 hurricane on the five-step intensity scale with winds of more than 178 kph, the National Hurricane Center said.

At 8 p.m., Ike was about 155 km southeast of Galveston and moving west-northwest at 20 kph, the center said.



A VIDEO monitor, at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, shows an enhanced radar image of Hurricane Ike as it comes ashore on Galveston, Texas. AP

About 13 million people in 132 counties along the Gulf coast could face hurricane and tropical storm conditions, the US National Census Bureau said.

Millions of residents could be left without power, authorities said. A dusk-to-dawn curfew was laid down to evacuated areas around Houston.

The Coast Guard had to rescue 84 people from rising waters on the Bolivar Peninsula, east of Galveston.

US crude oil futures rose 31 cents to settle at $101.18 a barrel after dropping below $100 for the first time since early April as concerns over US production weakened outweighed storm disruption fears.

Ports were closed and the Coast Guard said a 178-meter freighter with 22 people aboard was stranded without power 145 km southeast of Galveston.

Conditions were too rough to attempt a rescue.

The storm's wide reach means it will pack an unusually strong punch, taking the form of a huge wave of water it is pushing ahead of it.

"This is a Category 5 hurricane," said Jeff Masters, cofounder of meteorological website The Weather Underground.

"I don't care what the Category 2 rating says," he said.

Category 5 storms are the most dangerous.

The storm surge could push as far inland as Nasa's Johnson Space Center south of Houston, Masters said.

Houston airports were closed and hotels were jammed with those seeking shelter.

Ike could be the third most damaging storm in US history behind Hurricanes Katrina and Andrew in 1992, experts said.

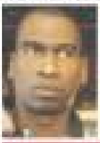
$1-trillion damage

Risk Management Solutions pegged the value of insured property in the Houston area at nearly $1 trillion, including the city's port—the nation's second busiest.

Katrina devastated New Orleans and other parts of the Gulf Coast in August 2005, killing 1,500 people and causing at least $80 billion in damage.

The costliest storm in US history, Katrina also damaged President George W. Bush's standing and his administration was heavily criticized for its slow response to the disaster. *Reuters*

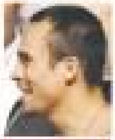
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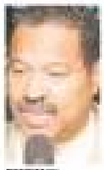
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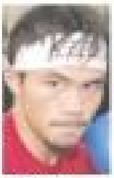


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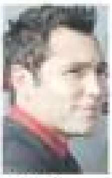
By Marc Anthony Reyes

OSCAR DE LA HOYA hopes to defuse Manny Pacquiao's fiery style the way Juan Manuel Marquez did in their two previous encounters which the Filipino ring icon barely survived.

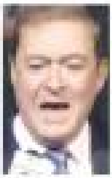
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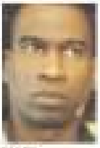
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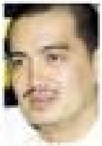


Archers, Eagles try to set showdown for UAAP title

By Jasmine W. Payo



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Eaglets enter championship

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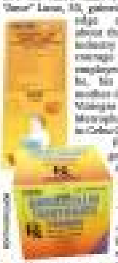


His journey to success started when he left the wrong path

'What made our start-up business challenging was when six men tied us, ransacked our house and took everything, all our savings and collections for the week. This happened barely four days after I tendered my irrevocable resignation from the company I used to work with'

By [illegible]
Contributor

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PROSEL makes generic medicine.

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Vices, malpractices

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Failure of Olympic proportions

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John C. Maxwell

We can embrace failure, learn from it, and use it as a springboard to get better

Embarrassing failure

Leadership lessons

1. Failure is inevitable

2. Failure is a fork in the road

3. Failure is fruitful

Who were the first entrepreneurs to gamble in first SM mall?



WILLIAM Tan



RICKY Reyes

Manels

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Opened 1985

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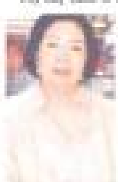
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MARS Chua

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Opened December 1985

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Upscaling organic farming in Benguet

By Delmar Cariño

Going organic could make local farmers create their own market brand



Couple dons fresh new roles





Is 'green' fashion sustainable? Designers say yes

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A taipan's humor behind the power



POSING before the Botong Francisco portrait of his parents

Ambassador Yuchengco says he prays to be able to take his riches to the next life, or his kids would just fight, 'only the lawyers would get rich.' But— 'So far no answer'

By [illegible]

IT'S RARE TO SEE IN MEDIA A picture of Ambassador Alfonso [illegible] Yuchengco with his children, particularly Helen Dee, the eldest.

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Family bonding

Disciplinarian



YUCHENGCO with the Amorsolo portrait of his father, Enrique.

For the first time, Yuchengco and his two daughters pose before their ancestors' portrait by Amorsolo

Zest for life

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SENATE President Manny Villar and politico-matriarch Judy Araneta Roxas

Presidential march

HAS THE PRESIDENTIAL (electoral) march started?

[illegible]

Not rockin', just tappin'

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THE WWF study is also appealing to celebrities who align themselves with brands that have poor environmental and sustainable business practices.

Global luxury firms score failing grades in ecological and social consciousness. Their alibi? 'Asian buyers don't care'



WWF URGES luxury consumers to look into each brand's ethical business practices and "deeper" values, and to "talk back" to these brands.

Do Asians care whether luxury is 'green' or not?



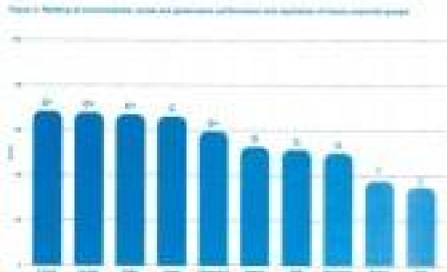
THE 2007 release of this $15 canvas bag sparked chaos in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Beijing. Made for the US organic grocery chain Whole Foods by British designer Anya Hindmarch, whose purses retail upward of $1,000, it drew criticism as the bag came "wrapped in the kind of plastic bags they are supposed to replace," wrote the South China Morning Post. Other media also reported some Hong Kongers flew all the way to New York City to get a hold of the bag.

By Cheche V. Moral

HOW GREEN THE PROVENANCE of a designer purse has become as important as how gorgeous it would look on the arm of its buyer. But American and European executives of luxury companies seem to think Asians don't care.

In November last year, World Wide Fund in the United Kingdom published a study authored by its consultants, Dr. Jem Bendell and Anthony Kleanthous, that showed global luxury firms failed to make the grade in the environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance index. The report made headlines in Europe.

Called "Deeper Luxury," the study ranked the 10 largest publicly listed luxury companies via the research firm Ethical Investment Research Service based on several criteria.



FAILING MARK. Ranked on their environmental, social and governance performance, L'Oreal, Hermes and LVMH all got a C+; Coach a C; Tiffany & Co. a D+; Swatch Group (owner of Breguet, Rado, Omega, Longines), PPR (Gucci, Yves Saint Laurent, Bottega Veneta, Balenciaga) and Richemont (Cartier, Mont Blanc, IWC) all got a D. Bulgari and Tods both got an F.

Emerging markets

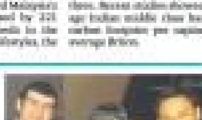


DR. JEM Bendell, co-author of "Deeper Luxury"

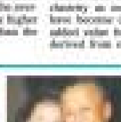
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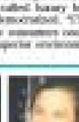
CHARO Montecastro, Elvira Arizmendez-Bella and Baboo Mondoñedo



JOSEPH Cole, Ana Angara and Rep. Sonny Angara



EVELYN Lim Forbes and Louie Cruz



MARY de Leon

'Mamma Mia's' hippie birthday



HANDLER Toonie, Senator Ed and Gloria Angara



OSCAR Montecastro, Chit Lijauco and Geoff McLennan



CHRISTIE Lopez, Bea Rosario

BABOO MONDOÑEDO WANTED TO DO something different on her 60th birthday.



MAITA Gomez, Lillian Quinanola and Publiquera Perez

Presidential

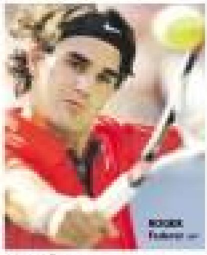
Vice President Noli de Castro was seated comfortably on the front row at Araneta Coliseum, tapping his foot away to the beat of jazz legends Al Jarreau and George Benson. The Manila leg of the Asian tour of the music icons drew a huge and good-size crowd to the Coliseum, most of them rising to their feet to dance and rock as the evening wore on. Among those rocking away on the front row were Richard and Bessi Merck, Fernando and Kit Zobel, Tessa Prieto-Valdes. De Castro stayed glued to his seat.

Pinay in Elle

Interior designer Nene Anne de Pamplona is featured in Elle October for her new jewelry and fashion line. Elle gave a beautiful spread to her Fall '08 collection—"a coastal line with embellished basics," or what she herself described "like a more decorative version of the Gap." Except that they're more pricey.

De Pamplona, the daughter of a classy woman, the late Helen Cacnajeng, was introduced as a "French interior designer." She's been living in Paris for years now. Her roots were noted, however, when she was described as a "Manila-born Parisian who's also glamorous."

The image that inspired her? "Lounging in bamboo chairs at the base of the Himalayas in silk caftans." Thus she had caftan, smock dresses and embroidered jewelry—all handmade in Nepal.



ROGER Federer

A gentleman

"It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice."

That quote is from Roger Federer, the US Open champion and believed by many to be the greatest tennis player ever. Watching how this modern-day gladiator makes mincemeat of his opponent on the court, you wouldn't think he's Mr Nice Guy. Apparently, he is, and more than that, a true sportsman.

And still more than that, he had fashion icon Anna Wintour (Vogue) cheering for him.



NENE Anne de Pamplona in Elle October

Fashion-wise, the US Open didn't have much. There was no Maria Sharapova to wear her little black dress tennis outfit. Oh, but Serena Williams was all fiery red—and big biceps.

Almost, just almost

Dorthamil at the Huang-Ray wedding was a magazine editor narrating how she almost became a victim of a "scammer" in the mall. She was almost aimlessly walking around when a man stopped her to ask if she remembered him, that they were old friends and he's now a preacher—and badly needed help for an ailing relative.

Thank god for shopaholism. Our editor was more focused on the store window and didn't even stare at the man. She merely brushed his hand off and moved on.

Later, she was surprised to read in the e-mail that what she ran into was a typical scam in the mall.

Window shopping saved the day.

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Food company supports RP science education





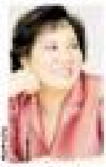


Society mag turns 7

Presidential march

'Dingdong' rang a bell





It didn't work





KATHY and Mike dance to Stevie Wonder's 'Knocks Me Off My Feet'

HUANG-YAP NUPTIALS

'Knocks me off my feet'

In marriage, one needs an "adventurous spirit." Love is not bound by time; it is life.

That insight was part of the beautiful homily by Ricardo Cardinal Vidal for Michael Huang and Kathy Yap, at their wedding last Saturday, at St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Parish in Magallanes, Makati.

The young couple took their marriage vows after a four-year relationship. They met at a party here. Then Michael, the scion of the leading retail chain, went to Beijing, and Kathy to Shanghai. Both studied mandarin. Kathy belongs to a Chinese-Filipino clan with various business interests, mainly Panda ballpen. Hers is also a big clan; her father has eight brothers.

Their wedding in the elegantly decorated church was attended by the who's who in business and industry, politics, fashion and elite society.

The Archbishop of Cebu celebrated Mass with Fr. [illegible] and Fr. [illegible] [illegible].

After the last of the principal and secondary sponsors had walked the aisle, the church doors swung open to reveal a radiant bride in a beautiful off-white dress [illegible], its skirt a cascade of rich layers of silk. She walked alone—her father, [illegible] Yap, having marched ahead—to be met at the altar by the groom to an [illegible] Organ [illegible].

The music of the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, [illegible], soprano [illegible], and tenor [illegible] stirred emotions in the solemn Mass.

It was a moving celebration not only for the couple, but more so for their parents.

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MIKE and Kathy



CHAVIT Singson and Patrick Jacinto

'Knocks me off my feet'



STELLA Marquez Araneta and Conchitina Bernardo



OLIVIA Limpe-Aw and Irene Yap



HENRY Lim Bon Liong and Victor Sy



BERNICE and Michael Yap

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businessman Anthony Huang and retail stalwart Nedy Tantoco of Rustan's, and pediatrician Dr. Tyrone and wife Naty.

Michael's older brother, Aaron Huang, the executive vice president of Rustan's and Stores Specialists, led the prayers of Mass.

It was a prominent list of principal sponsors: Senate President Manuel Villar Jr., Sen. Edgardo Angara, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, Minister Umberto Colosanti, Judy Araneta Roxas, former senator Tessie Aquino-Oreta, who stood in for Ballsy Aquino-Cruz (Nedy Tantoco's close friend who lives in Paris), Taguig Mayor Sigfrido Tinga, Baye Chua Tinga, Michael Tan, representing his dad Dr. Lucio Tan, Lucia Gonzales-Tan, Irene Martel-Francisco, Olivia Araneta Lopez, Senator Frederick Dy, Evelyn Sy, Tony Tan Caktiong, Grace Tan Caktiong, Dr. Wayne Lee, Cathy Lee and Ms. Elena Tantoco Valbuena, who stood in for her sister, Ms. Teresa (Marietess) Tantoco Rodriguez.

Marlene is blessed with her father, Rustan's patriarch, Ambassador Bienvenido Tantoco Sr.

Among the Tantocos, there were the groom's aunt and uncle, Marilen and Ed Pineda.

The couple's dearest family and friends had roles to play: best men Raymond Halim, Gerome Padilla, Carlo Miguel Manzano, maid of honor Nicole Yap, groomsmen TJ Yap, Joseph Bautista, Carlo Tiosa, Mehech Miguel,

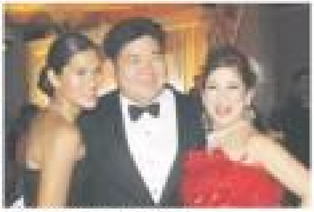
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DOLORES Chang, Jun and Menchu Lopez



ROBERT and Tina Yap with daughters Andrea and Paio, and son Dixon



NINA and Aaron Huang with Rosa Valdez

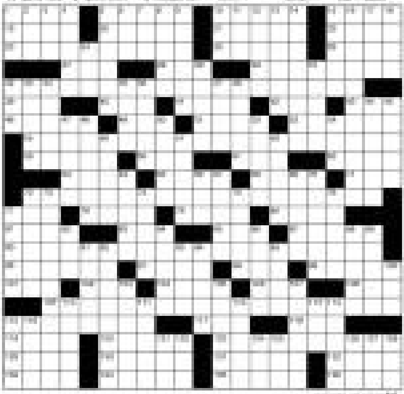
SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD By Frank A. Longo

CASUAL DRESSERS' CANDIDATE

ACROSS

DOWN



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Summit Media launches Martha Stewart Weddings Philippines

A WOMAN'S WEDDING DAY IS ONE OF the most important events of her life. That is why a great deal of preparation goes into making this one day beautiful, personal, and memorable not just for the bride and her groom, but for all who will share in the celebration.



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To help every Filipino bride-to-be have the wedding of her dreams, Summit Media, the country's leading magazine publishing company, brings to Philippine shores—Martha Stewart Weddings. With the Martha Stewart brand's signature creativity and style, Martha Stewart Weddings Philippines will inspire a new audience of brides eager to make their wedding day truly special.

Martha Stewart Weddings is the leading resource for the bride who wants a wedding that is beyond the ordinary. Filled with fresh ideas, inspiring photographs and how-to information, Martha Stewart Weddings takes readers from the engagement to the honeymoon and beyond, into their new married lives.

Martha Stewart Weddings Philippines will take the best of the American edition and tailor it with ideas and inspiration developed especially for the Filipino bride.

The premiere issue of Martha Stewart Weddings Philippines features the best bridal ideas—from choosing a color scheme and theme for the wedding, to selecting the wedding cake and bridal bouquet. This issue also helps brides look their best with a gallery of exquisite gowns and a feature on bridal hairstyles, as well as tips for the perfect wedding reception.

Martha Stewart Weddings Philippines will be available this September at newsstands and bookstores throughout the Philippines for P295 per copy.

Every woman has something no man can resist

Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements. Submit names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, and gown designer along with a photo of the couple and a sketch of the bridal gown. If sent to the Inquirer, P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City. E-mail to lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. A photo of the bride and groom is required if the wedding has already taken place. Announcements will be printed depending on space availability and of interest to the readers.



LEYCO-SORIANO

Jupiter S. Leyco and Gilda M. Soriano will wed on Oct. 4, at the Jade Vine Restaurant.

VALERIANO DEBUT

Maria Bianca Valeriano, daughter of Angelo and Mimi Valeriano, celebrated her 18th birthday on Sept. 11, with a lavish dinner dance party at Palacio de Maynila, Roxas Boulevard. She wore three gowns, one of which is a plunging neckline with pleated front made of chiffon fabric, ornamented with embroidery, cut beads, sequins and embellished with Swarovski crystals, created by Bohemia's premiere fashion designer Robert Ramos. Hair and make-up by Cecile Caranda of Slim Ventura.



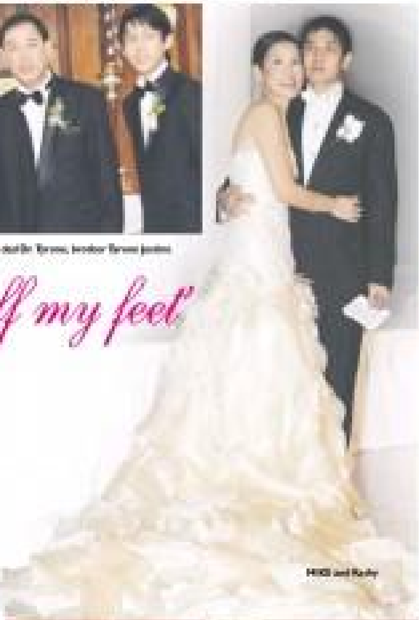
KOSTANDINU-CARREON

Cris Kostandinu, son of Mr. Nick Kostandinu, married Aya Carreon, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ramon Carreon, recently at San Sebastian Church, Quiapo, Manila. Reception was held at the Coconut Palace, CCP Complex, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City.



THE NEWLYWEDS with Kathy's family—sister Nicole Yap, mom Mely, dad Jo Tirona, brother Tirona Jordan

'Knocks me off my feet'



MIKI and Kathy

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bridesmaids Catherine Tanner Huang, Hayley Yuson, Ma. Micaela Ortiz and Michaela Andrea Tan; junior bridesmaids Kyla Tinga and Nikki Huang; secondary sponsors Dominic Uy, Carolyn Tiondo, Donaldo Suarez, Andrea Quila, Dennis Oliva and Jill Chua; ring bearer Mic Lopez; coin bearer Jeden de Jesus; and flower girls Isabelle Huang, Janice Valbuena, and Sarah Tanner.

Reception followed at Sofitel's Grand Plaza Ballroom. Pink lotus flower centerpieces arranged by Zenia Pineda adorned the tables. Also used silver candelabras and mirror-glass tabletops. The multi-tiered wedding cake was designed by Rizo.

Dominic Uy and Carlo Tirona hosted the program.

"You made this evening truly special for us," said the joyous couple.

The newlyweds strode to the middle of the ballroom to dance to Stevie Wonder's "Knocks Me Off My Feet."

Among the guests were Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro and his lovely wife, Rep. Nikki Teodoro; newly appointed National Security Deputy Adviser Chavit Singson and wife Cher; Rep. Teddy Boy Locsin and wife Louie; Rep. Cynthia Villar, Sen. Frank Drilon and Mila Drilon; Ambassador Roberto Pedido of Italy, Mayor Jejomar Binay and Dr. Elenita Binay, Gloria Angara, Clara Coloma, Tessie Sy-Coson, Felicidad Sy, Hans Sy, Peter and Elena Ceyes, Henry and Olivo Ao, Peter Go, Alfred and Cherry Ty, John Tan, Peng ang Mely Buchanan, Constantine Richards, Stella Marquez Araneta, Mark Watkinson of HSBC, Ambassador Jesus Tambunting and wife Marge, Fernando and Kit Zobel, British Ambassador Peter Beckingham and wife Ali, Bonnie and Cristine Tiongco, Mark Jones of Citibank and wife Jenny, and Bernd Schneider, Sofitel general manager, Bulgari's Marko Karighali, Peter Sze of Citibank, Rosa Valdes, Jaime Lopa, Charlie and Chiqui Ballesteros, Tony and Mita Boltan, and Cultural Center of the Philippines president Nes Jardin.



GRANDPARENTS of Kathy Chi Ngo Uy Yap and Pinoy tradipan patriarch Henry Yap Long Ping



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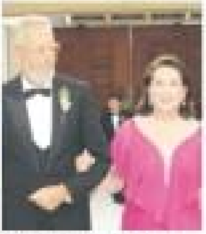
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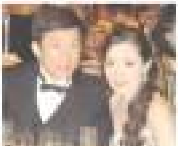
(Right) ANTON and Mimi Huang with daughters Nikki and Isabelle, Mely Tamara, Kathy and Miko, Anthony Huang, Sherry and Jeremie Padilla, Catherine Huang





Benny Y. Ao and Dr. Villanueva

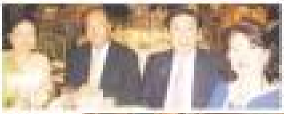




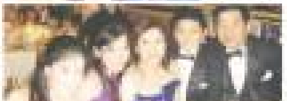
VICTOR and Linda Loy



MR. and MRS. WILLIAM Chiu



(Above) MR. AND MRS. JIMMY Tang and Mr. & Mrs. Ko Peng Lam (Lolly) Cessina Ng and Ng Ming Tien, Johnny Yap and Romana Yap



(Right) KIMBERLY, Priscilla, Elizabeth, Jason and Jennie Yap



WILLY and Geraldine Ocier

Sunday LifeStyle Travel



Breathless in Bohol



Amid fireflies, bees, dolphins and tarsiers, one could grow old adventurously in the island

By Yolanda L. Punsalan
Contributor

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Delightful tarsier

[illegible]



HOPPING over the Chocolate Hills, we turned into Harry Potter trainees for the mandatory souvenir shot.

Dolphins and fireflies

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A return to yoga school—and beyond

By Alya B. Honasan
Contributor

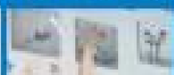
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Second journey

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Hearty dinner

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A Filipino Iyengar yoga teacher 'comes home' to the source in Pune, India, for more learnings

Meeting the Guru

[illegible]

Rina's girls

[illegible]



Religious pilgrimage in Europe



TRAVEL BRIEFS



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Sunday Lifestyle



JAZZ duo George Benson and Al Jarreau in Manila concert

Our art world rocks!



TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes

'West Side Story'

Dreamy 'Fil'

FINO Leatherware stands out for its array of distinctive leather products made from top quality leather from Italy, Australia and South America. Its functional yet elegant designs and reasonable prices make Fino much sought-after items by lovers of good taste and fine quality. Fino Leatherware is at the second floor, Main Mall of the SM Mall of Asia. Call 5566884. Our fab finds: Orange [illegible] hobo suede bag; satchel bag; blackberry leather bag that can be rolled and folded











TRAVEL Club was the first store to introduce premium luggage brands in the Philippine market like Samsonite, Zero Halliburton, Tumi, American Tourister, Mandarina Duck and Eastpak. Inspired by the sophistication of travel, the store is pegged on a design of simplicity and purity that embraces the elegance of traveling, be it for business, leisure or adventure. Travel Club is at the second floor of the Main Mall. Call [illegible].
Our fab finds: Sherpani bag in orange, beige and blue; Jansport checkered traveling bag and back bag

Big sale, fab finds

SM MALL OF ASIA WILL HAVE its Big, Big Sale on Sept. 19-21. Fashionistas will find a treasure trove of the hippest bags, funky accessories and totes.
Enjoy up to 70 percent discount on selected items, and have a chance to win one of three Panasonic plasma TVs and one of four refrigerators for every P500 single purchase.







MARCELLA, an institution in fancy jewelry, is a one-stop shop for fashion jewelry, hair accessories, tiaras, evening and leather goods. Marcella is at the second floor of the Entertainment Mall. Call [illegible].









ACCEXXS is a leading brand in lifestyle accessories with an exotic blend of the east and west, the stylish and contemporary, the fun and the zippy. Accexxs is at the second floor of the Entertainment Mall. Call [illegible].
Our fab finds: Canvas bag ornamented with [illegible], fibers and feathers; [illegible] bag with leather and glass beads; Linda collection neckpiece made of shell, resin, beads and acrylic; and a butterfly and flower neckpiece with pearls, beads and Swarovski crystals



THE EPITOME of luxurious preppiness, Lacoste shoes combine classic styling with contemporary details, and a green crocodile logo on each pair. Lacoste footwear is at the second floor of the Main Mall. Call [illegible].



OUR fab finds: [illegible] that offer sporty style with a touch of [illegible] slip-ons that will let you relax in style



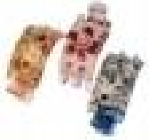




AMINA Aranaz, the designer behind the signature line of handbags, weaves her creative magic in her [illegible] at the mall. Utilizing Philippine materials like capiz and abaca as well as beadwork and embroidery, her amazing collection has become a symbol of Pinoy fashion pride. Amina Aranaz is at the second floor of the Main Mall of the SM Mall of Asia. Call [illegible].
Our fab finds: elegant fuchsia-and-black woven bag; pink-and-black snakeskin bag with black tassel; recyclable shopping bag that is so green and so now



ACCESSORIZE is that kind of store where you can have a lot of fashion fun trying on wonderful fashion jewelry. It has a wide assortment of hair accessories like headbands, scrunchies, hair sticks, hair clamps and hair clips. Accessorize is at the second floor of the Entertainment Mall. Call [illegible].
Our fab finds: delicate side combs and fancy hair clamps for your crowning glory





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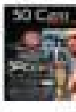




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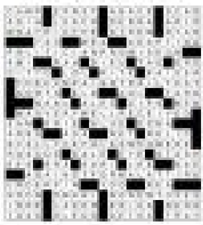
Photography, culinary

Bazaars



Art and fashion

ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD





Sunday LifeStyle Relationships

Mommy, daddy and the guava tree

SHE SLIPPED OUT OF THEIR house in an exquisite white eyelet dress right up to her knee. It was simple enough to wear to the mass she attended every morning.

Poems

Beautiful

One Big Fun!



Ateneo fans had One Big Fun as families and children especially enjoyed the face painting booths, where they emblazoned school-inspired designs on their cheeks. Even kids who couldn't understand the fuss joined in the fun by goofing around with their die-hard parents.

At the photo booth, barkadas and families alike struck all sorts of funky poses. They even got to keep the printouts of their photos for free!









Blue and Green m

By [illegible]

THERE IS NO DENYING [illegible] Ateneo-La Salle ga[illegible] However, a lot of fa[illegible] games in a different way.

[illegible]



Blue Eagles fight!

Waves of blue filled the [illegible] Lounge as fans of the Blue Eagles came in to see the team play at its finest. They also got to take photos with the [illegible] figures of their favorite players.



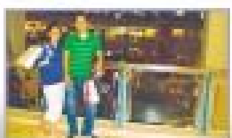
V for Victory

Ateneo won the game, hands down. The delighted crowd expressed their joy by [illegible] made point after point.















Animo La Salle!





La Sallians painted the town green as they came in droves to support the Green Archers. Students and alumni eagerly scribbled messages in support of their favorite players.









eet up at TriNoma







Green Archers unite!

Green Archers fans were tense for the most part, as their team failed to deliver a victory for the school. However, it didn't stop them from cheering loudly as top cagers JV Casio and Rico Maierhofer made shots.















A broken-hearted girl finds it hard to move on

Emily's Post



Mommy, daddy. . .



THE SAVEMORE chain opens yet another branch - Savemore Nagtahan in Sampaloc, Manila.

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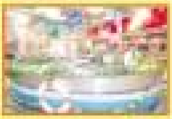
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Ayala Land Businesscapes: The art of fusing work and play

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Margo C. Enriquez

P&G head has creative ways to wellness

By Margo C. Enriquez



"How do you integrate wellness in the office? This is the way to do it. You and I are doing an interview and I'm engaging in stress management," —James Lafferty



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Flash floods and the stars

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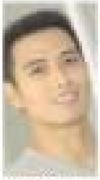
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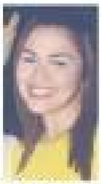
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No-talent son has text vote-buying dad

By the Entertainment Staff

RUSHES SUNDAY

Comeback Kid's troubles

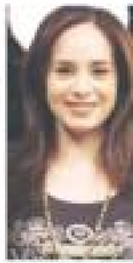
False reality



No takers

Billboard: 'The Twist' top song of past 5





Lucy Torres

Flash...

RACHELLE ANN GO

LUCY TORRES

IYA VILLANIA



Iya Villania

WILLIE NEPOMUCENO

50 years



CHUBBY Checker turned? on Oct. 3.



AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD As official celebrity ambassador of the Virlanie Foundation—a private child care institution established in 1992—Billy Crawford regularly visits wards in 13 "family homes" managed by foster parents and volunteers. He also top-bills "Somebody Someday," a VIP fund-raiser, on Sept. 18 at the Rigodon Ballroom of the Manila Peninsula, with Pops Fernandez, Pinky Marquez, Jay-R, KC Concepcion, Willie Nepomuceno and, director Rowena Lopez says, "three groups of hidden performers."

Dennis Trillo: I am not a liar

By Marinel R. Cruz

Painful

Truthful



SPLIT-UP was painful, he says, but "I welcome the change."



GABBY CONCEPCION: Behind the big smile, problem with his manager?

No-talent son...

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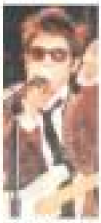


NICOLE KIDMAN: "Most overpaid."

What's up, doc!

Echo's woes

Wet blanket

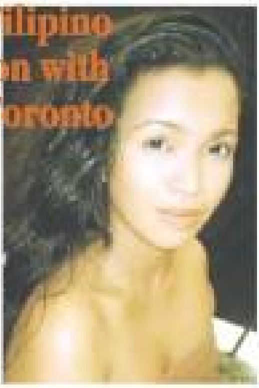


ENTERTAINMENT



Finding Filipino connection with stars in Toronto

'Bayan Ko' screening 'a great success'





ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD
Ruben V. Nepales

FILIPINA actress Marife Necesito, above, plays an important role in Gael García Bernal and Michelle Williams' "Mammoth." At right, a pop hit in Manila, Ricky Gervais is star of the original "The Office" comedy series and now the comedy film "Ghost Town."

RP hit

Pinoy co-star



BIONIC GRANDPA IN MANILA

"I PLAY Grandpa 'Bionic' Max," quips actor Lee Majors, who came to Manila to promote his movie "Ben 10: Race Against Time," a live action movie of the animated hit series, which will be shown Sept. 20, 8 p.m. on Cartoon Network. Majors, seen here with a Ben mascot, leaves today after a three-day visit.

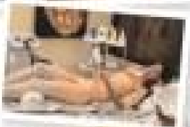
'Hi-Soul Musikahan'

CHEER FACTOR

STAR CITY PRESENTS "HI-SOUL MUSIKAHAN," A 45-MINUTE DANCE drama piece about Pinoy hopes, set in contemporary Isla. Directed by Osias Barroso, it showcases Ballet Manila, with artistic director Lisa Macuja-Elizalde. "Hi-Soul" runs at Star Theater Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m.—free as part of park-goers' admission. Starting Sept. 20, Star City will open weekdays, 4 p.m. to midnight, and from 2 p.m. Fridays to Sundays.

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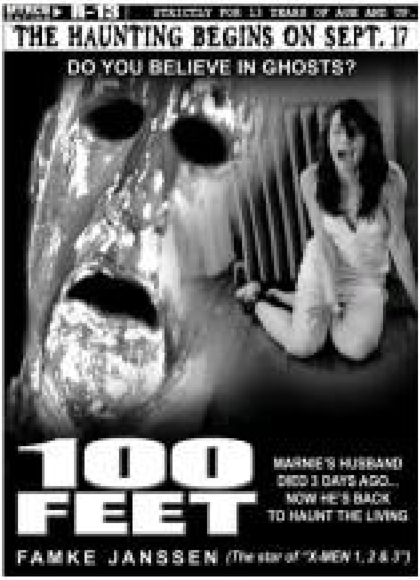
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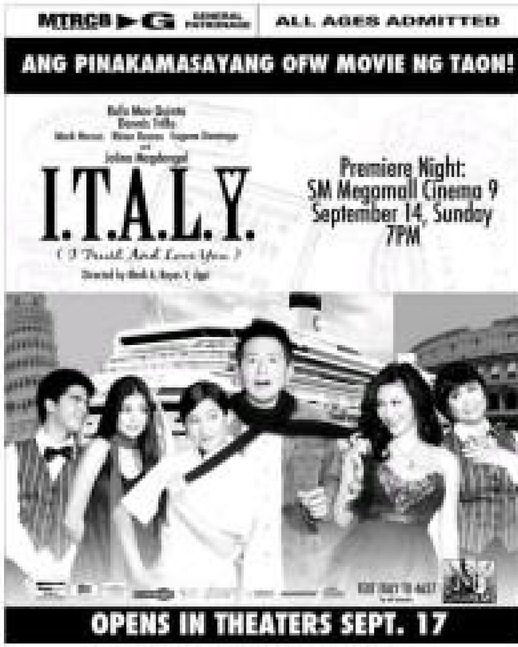
Finding Filipino connection with the

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'Bayan Ko' screening

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GLORIETTA 4	1 BABYLON A.D. · 2 FOR THE FIRST TIME · 3 RIGHTEOUS KILL · 4 DEATH RACE · 5 WALL-E · 6 HELLBOY 2 · 7 SEX STAR
GREENBELT 1	1 BABYLON A.D. · 2 HELLBOY 2
GREENBELT 3	1 RIGHTEOUS KILL · 2 HELLBOY 2 · 3 WALL-E · 4 FOR THE FIRST TIME · 5 BABYLON A.D.
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 HELLBOY 2 · 2 RIGHTEOUS KILL · 3 BABYLON A.D. · 4 WALL-E / DEATH RACE · 5 FOR THE FIRST TIME
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1 HELLBOY 2 · 2 RIGHTEOUS KILL · 3 FOR THE FIRST TIME · 4 BABYLON A.D.
MARKET! MARKET!	1 HELLBOY 2 · 2 BABYLON A.D. · 3 WALL-E / [illegible] · 4 RIGHTEOUS KILL · 5 FOR THE FIRST TIME
TRINOMA	1 FOR THE FIRST TIME · 2 DEATH RACE · 3 RIGHTEOUS KILL · 4 BABYLON A.D. · 5 [illegible] · 6 WALL-E / SEX STAR · 7 HELLBOY 2

At the Malls

Mall	Event
Glorietta	DOUBLE MIDNIGHT MADNESS September 12 - 14
Greenbelt	SHOPPING SPREE AT GREENBELT
Alabang Town Center	[illegible]
Ayala Center Cebu	[illegible]
Market! Market!	[illegible]
TriNoma	[illegible]





An otherworldly eye candy



RON Perlman as Hellboy

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REVIEW

'Hellboy II," while effects-heavy, is really quite simple, story-wise

THE QUINTESSENTIAL HEROIC DEMON is back. Comic book character Hellboy and his cohorts return to the big screen in the colorful action-fantasy flick "Hellboy II: The Golden Army."

Director-screenwriter Guillermo Del Toro also returns after the success of his universally lauded "Pan's Labyrinth," so audiences expect him to [illegible] with surreal imagery and storytelling. Working within the parameters of a popcorn movie still allows him free rein and creativity, but this movie is still pretty simple, story-wise.

"The Golden Army" introduces the villain Prince Nuada (Luke Goss), an elf-like being who decrees mankind's reign on Earth. He gathers fragments of an object that will control the mighty Golden Army, artificial beings capable of subjugating humans.

But the prince underestimates the super-powered good guys—Hellboy (Ron Perlman), the pyrokinetic Liz Sherman, the amphibious Abe Sapien and the gaseous spectre Johann Krauss.

This sequel only skirts Hellboy's history but there are references to the past and his being a non-human entity.

The [illegible] Funny moments are smoothly injected into the script. Krauss dealing with Hellboy's insubordination, for instance, is enjoyable. Abe's crush on the princess also amuses.

"The Golden Army" is effects-heavy and fancy-looking, but the plot's just okay. The climactic battle doesn't show enough of the magnificent-looking automatons as a truly imposing threat to the outside world.

The team's new status as [illegible] figures makes sense in the age of camera phones and digital wonders—this would've been a great development, but this angle isn't mined enough and fades quickly.

Still, the oddly shaped creatures and monsters are designed exceptionally well, like the inhabitants of "Star Wars," "Lord of the Rings" and "Pan's Labyrinth." There's gorgeous artistry to these otherworldly beings. Their brief, slam-bang encounters with Hellboy, while often brief, are nonetheless cool and visually engaging enough.

"Hellboy II: The Golden Army" is currently screening in Metro Manila cinemas.

CHEER FACTOR



Then and now

LEA SALONGA'S TRANSITION FROM child star to Tony award winner is recorded in the album, "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing," from Sony BMG, presented by Enfinkit A+.

At age 9, long before she was Kim in "Miss Saigon," Lea played the title role in Repertory Philippines' production of "Little Orphan Annie." She even hosted her own kiddie show, "Love, Lea."

The Enfinkit album includes Lea's recordings as that very young entertainer, like "I Am But a Small Voice," "Tomorrow," "Alphabet Song," a duet with her brother Gerard, "Happiness" and the title track.